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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, since the ad hoc working group of the plenary on restructuring had been entrusted with the task of examining the complementarity of agenda items, the Committee had originally decided to place in brackets those phrases of draft resolutions which could potentially affect its agenda at forthcoming sessions. However, as the issue had not yet been resolved by the Working Group, the Committee had no alternative but to remove all brackets so that it could proceed with its work.

2. Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom) expressed disappointment at the news. Although his delegation would not stand in the way of the adoption of the draft resolutions, it reserved the right to look at them before they were adopted by the General Assembly in plenary, and to reopen the question of their biennialization.

3. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) said that the draft resolutions before the Committee had no programme budget implications.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.34 and L.66)

Draft resolutions on the implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries (A/C.2/47/L.34 and L.66)

4. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.66, which she was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.34.

5. Mr. SHINODA (Japan) said that, in the third line of paragraph 5, the word "note" should be added after "and".

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.66, as orally revised, was adopted.

7. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.34 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.24, L.32, L.33, L.68 and L.69)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.24: International code of conduct on the transfer of technology

8. The CHAIRMAN introduced the draft resolution.

9. Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom) said that his delegation would prefer to consider that question biennally, starting at the forty-ninth session. It would like to discuss the draft resolution before it was taken up in plenary meeting.

10. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.24 was adopted.

Draft resolutions on commodities (A/C.2/47/L.32 and L.69)

11. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.69, which she was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.32.

12. Mr. HURLEY (United States of America) pointed out that the words "the spirit of" in the third line of paragraph 31 should be deleted.

13. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.69, as orally revised, was adopted.

14. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.32 was withdrawn.

Draft resolutions on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (A/C.2/47/L.33 and L.68)

15. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.68, which she was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.33.

16. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.68 was adopted.

17. Mr. RIMON (Finland), speaking on behalf of the Nordic countries, said that, while the Nordic countries had joined the consensus on the draft, they maintained that the geographical characteristic of insularity did not in itself constitute a separate category in terms of development assistance and other support measures. Many island countries had a low level of development, however, and needed specific development assistance. The Nordic countries therefore extended assistance to those island developing countries that had been classified as least developed countries.

18. Mr. DUGAN (United States of America) and Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, agreed with the views expressed by Finland.

19. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.33 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 83: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued)
(A/C.2/47/L.56)

Draft decision A/C.2/47/L.56: Implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children

20. The CHAIRMAN introduced the draft decision.

21. Draft decision A/C.2/47/L.56 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 87: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued)
(A/C.2/47/L.28/Rev.1, L.36/Rev.1, L.37/Rev.1, L.48/Rev.1 and L.49/Rev.1)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.28/Rev.1: Assistance to Benin, the Central African Republic and Madagascar

22. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

23. Mr. BAIOU (Benin) drew attention to a number of minor drafting changes in the French and English versions of the draft resolution.

24. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.28/Rev.1, as orally amended, was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.36/Rev.1: Emergency assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia

25. The CHAIRMAN said that Bangladesh, Egypt, Myanmar and the Sudan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

26. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

27. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) said that, as Mauritius was sponsoring the draft resolution on behalf of the African States there was no need for African States to announce their sponsorship individually.

28. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.36/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.37/Rev.1: Economic assistance to Vanuatu

29. The CHAIRMAN said that Brunei Darussalam, Cuba, Kenya, Romania, Thailand and Zambia had joined the list of sponsors.

30. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

31. Mr. LINARES PALOU (Spain) pointed out that the title of the draft resolution had been omitted in the Spanish text.

32. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.37/Rev.1 was adopted.

33. Mr. BENN (Vanuatu) thanked the sponsors of the resolution for the support they had demonstrated for his country.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.48/Rev.1: Emergency assistance to the Sudan

34. Miss DIOP (Senegal) Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote. She added that Ethiopia and Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and pointed out that, in paragraph 4, the words "continue to" should be inserted before "contribute generously".

35. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.48/Rev.1, as orally revised, was adopted.

36. Mr. MOHAMMAD (Sudan) thanked all the members of the Committee for their support.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49/Rev.1: Special assistance to the front-line States

37. The CHAIRMAN said that Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, the Sudan and Swaziland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

38. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

39. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49/Rev.1 was adopted.

40. Mr. MSENGEZI (Zimbabwe), speaking on behalf of the sponsors, thanked the Committee for adopting the draft resolution by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 88: INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF ANGOLA (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.17/Rev.1: International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

41. The CHAIRMAN said that Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

42. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

43. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.17/Rev.1 was adopted.

44. Mr. da CRUZ (Angola) thanked the sponsors and the members of the Committee for adopting the draft resolution by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 89: TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued)

(b) UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY (continued)

Draft resolution on the United Nations University (A/C.2/47/L.43 and L.65)

45. The CHAIRMAN said that Zambia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

46. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.65, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.43, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

47. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.65 was adopted.

48. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.43 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 144: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO ALLEVIATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR IN CROATIA AND TO FACILITATE ITS RECOVERY (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.41/Rev.1: International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery

49. The SECRETARY pointed out that the United States had incorrectly been listed as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

50. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

51. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.41/Rev.1, as orally amended, was adopted.

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52. The SECRETARY announced that Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bhutan, Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Ghana, Hungary, Jamaica, Kenya, Paraguay, the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Sierra Leone and Tajikistan had joined in sponsoring draft

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resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1, submitted under agenda item 78 (e), and that Mali had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.60, submitted under agenda item 89 (a).

The meeting rose at 4.40 p.m.